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Office of the Secretary

Re: SkyBridge L.L.C.
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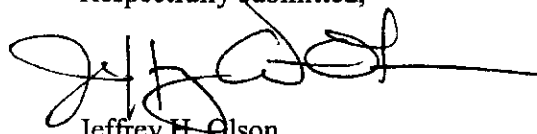
ET Docket No. 03-254

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of SkyBridge L.L.C. ("SkyBridge") is a letter dated August 17, 2005 from Gérard Dosogne, President and CEO of SkyBridge. By this letter, SkyBridge respectfully declines to accept the authorization granted in SkyBridge L.L.C., DA 05-2037, released July 18, 2005. A copy of Mr. Dosogne's letter is being filed with the Secretary's Office and the International Bureau.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Chairman Martin:

On July 18, 2005, the Commission's International Bureau, acting under delegated authority, granted a license to SkyBridge L.L.C. ("SkyBridge") to launch and operate a global nongeostationary orbit ("NGSO") fixed satellite service system in the Ku-band. See SkyBridge L.L.C., DA 05-2037, released July 18, 2005 ("Order and Authorization").


SkyBridge's initial application for this system was filed on February 28, 1997. SkyBridge is gratified that the Order and Authorization makes clear that the fundamental technical premise underlying its application – that NGSO systems can co-exist with a variety of co-frequency GSO and terrestrial systems, as well as other NGSO systems – was correct. This has now been validated by both the International Telecommunications Union, at the 1997 and 2000 World Radiocommunication Conferences, and by the Commission.

However, the past eight and one-half years have seen sweeping advances in technology and dramatic changes in the marketplace. A system design that was at the cutting edge eight years ago may not be similarly situated today. Unfortunately, the time limits and financial penalties imposed by the Commission's bond requirement and construction milestones severely constrain SkyBridge's ability to respond to the changed technical and marketplace circumstances in an economically rational manner. Put simply, as a practical matter, it is not possible for SkyBridge to proceed at this time with the final development, construction and deployment of the system.



Thus, while SkyBridge is greatly appreciative of all of the efforts of the Commission's staff over the past eight years, SkyBridge regrets that it must decline the subject authorization.

Respectfully,



Gérard Dosogée
President and CEO

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